

Application Serial No. 10/542,913
Reply to the Office Action of May 15, 2007

REMARKS/COMMENTS

Claims 1-6 have been canceled. New Claims 7-10 are active in the case.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to an apparatus and a method for producing hydroxyalkyl(meth)acrylate.

Rejection, 35 USC 112, Second Paragraph

The rejection of Claim 2 is obviated by the cancellation of the claim. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection, 35 USC 112, First Paragraph

New Claims 9 and 10 are the counterpart claims in the new claims to original Claims 5 and 6. New Claim 9 recites the term "conduit" as found at page 5, line 6 of the specification. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection, 35 USC 102

The rejection of Claims 1 and 2 is obviated by the cancellation of the claims from the case. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 3 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claim 4 has been allowed. These two claims have been combined in the form of new Claim 7. Accordingly, Claim 7 is believed to be allowable. Moreover, the subject matter of new Claim 8 is that of original Claim 2, and new Claims 9 and 10 correspond to previously active Claims 5 and 6.

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Accordingly, the claims of the case are believed to be in allowable form. Early notice to such
an allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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